



## Proclamation

WHEREAS: SIXTY THREE YEARS AGO, ON JANUARY 22, 1918, A FREE AND INDEPENDENT UKRANIAN NATIONAL REPUBLIC WAS PROCLAIMED BY THE WILL OF THE UKRANIAN PEOPLE REPRESENTED BY THE LEGALLY ELECTED UKRANIAN PARLIAMENT IN KIEV, ANCIENT CAPITAL OF UKRAINE, WHICH REPUBLIC WAS RECOGNIZED BY A SCORE OF FOREIGN NATIONS; AND

WHEREAS: AFTER SUCH DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND RECOGNITION, UKRAINE WAS OCCUPIED BY RUSSIAN MILITARY FORCES AND SINCE THAT TIME THE FORMER CITIZENS OF THE UKRANIAN NATIONAL REPUBLIC HAVE BEEN LIVING UNDER THE OPPRESSIVE RULE OF COMMUNIST RUSSIA, BEING DENIED THE BASIC FREEDOMS WHICH LINGER IN THEIR HEARTS; AND

WHEREAS: AMERICANS HAVE A TRADITIONAL INTEREST IN THE DEFENSE OF FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND SYMPATHIZE WITH THE ASPIRATIONS OF FREEDOM LOVING PEOPLE EVERYWHERE; AND

WHEREAS: MINNESOTANS OF UKRANIAN DESCENT ANNUALLY OBSERVE THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE UKRANIAN DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE ON JANUARY 22;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT H. QUIE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JANUARY 22, 1981 TO BE

UKRANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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*Joan Anderson Howe*  
Secretary of State

IN MINNESOTA, AND HAVE ASKED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR LOU WANGBERG TO PREPARE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR MY SIGNATURE AND DISSEMINATE THE SAME. FURTHER, I URGE ALL CITIZENS OF OUR STATE TO JOIN WITH ME IN SUPPORTING THE STRUGGLE OF THE UKRANIAN PEOPLE TO REGAIN THEIR NATIONAL FREEDOM AND A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO BE AFFIXED THIS SIXTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE, AND OF THE STATE THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND.

*Joan Anderson Howe*

*Albert H. Quie*

*Lou Wangberg*  
GOVERNOR  
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